

## A P P E N D I X I:

THE SUBSTITUTE SECTION(S) OF THE SPECIFICATION (clean version):

On page 1:

- Delete the paragraph beginning in indicated line 6 and ending in indicated line 10 and insert in its stead:

The present invention relates to a process for hydrogen activation of passivated iron useful as catalytically active component after said activation at elevated temperature and elevated pressure, which comprises effecting said activation in the presence of a nitrile at from 20 to 180°C.

On page 3:

- Delete the paragraph beginning in indicated line 1 and ending in indicated line 5 and insert in its stead:

It is an object of the present invention to provide a process for a technically simple and economical elevated temperature, elevated pressure hydrogen activation of passivated iron useful as catalytically active component after the activation without the disadvantages mentioned.